

## 101 PUPILS OF FIVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

NUMBER OF GRADUATES  
SMALLER THIS YEAR  
THAN OTHERS

### TO GIVE OPERETTA

GRADUATION EXERCISES WILL BE  
HELD FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE  
22, AT HIGH SCHOOL—OPER-  
ETTA, "CONTEST OF NATIONS,"  
IS FEATURE.

One hundred and one pupils of the five public schools, will receive their diplomas Friday evening, June 22, at the high school auditorium. The list is smaller than in usual years.

The feature of the graduation exercises this year will be the presentation of the operetta, "Contest of Nations," by the children of the various public schools.

Following is the program:  
Selection—Orchestra.

Operetta, "Contest of Nations"—  
Under direction of Mrs. Bertha Brock-  
way, assisted by the principals and  
by members of the high school or-  
chestra.

The Story.—In order to settle a dis-  
pute of long standing as to which na-  
tion excels in singing, dancing, or  
picturesqueness, a contest has been  
arranged in which representatives of  
various nations compete thru the me-  
dium of their favorite art, for the  
award of the prize. The contest is  
presided over by the Spirit of Fair  
Play, a woman of gracious mien and  
impartial judgment, assisted by Lady  
Utopia, a woman of affairs, acting in  
the capacity of forewoman of a jury  
composed of non-contestants. Heralds  
with trumpets attend, sounding the  
call to assemble and the commands of  
the Spirit of Fair Play. As the con-  
test proceeds various misunderstand-  
ings and small jealousies and dis-  
putes result in amusing situations.  
Finally Miss Columbia, in an elabo-  
rate delineation of her country, is  
which she is assisted by various his-  
torical types, is awarded the prize on  
completion of the scenes enacted to  
introduce the colors of Old Glory—  
blue, the symbol of faith; red, the  
symbol of valor, and white, the sym-  
bol of peace.

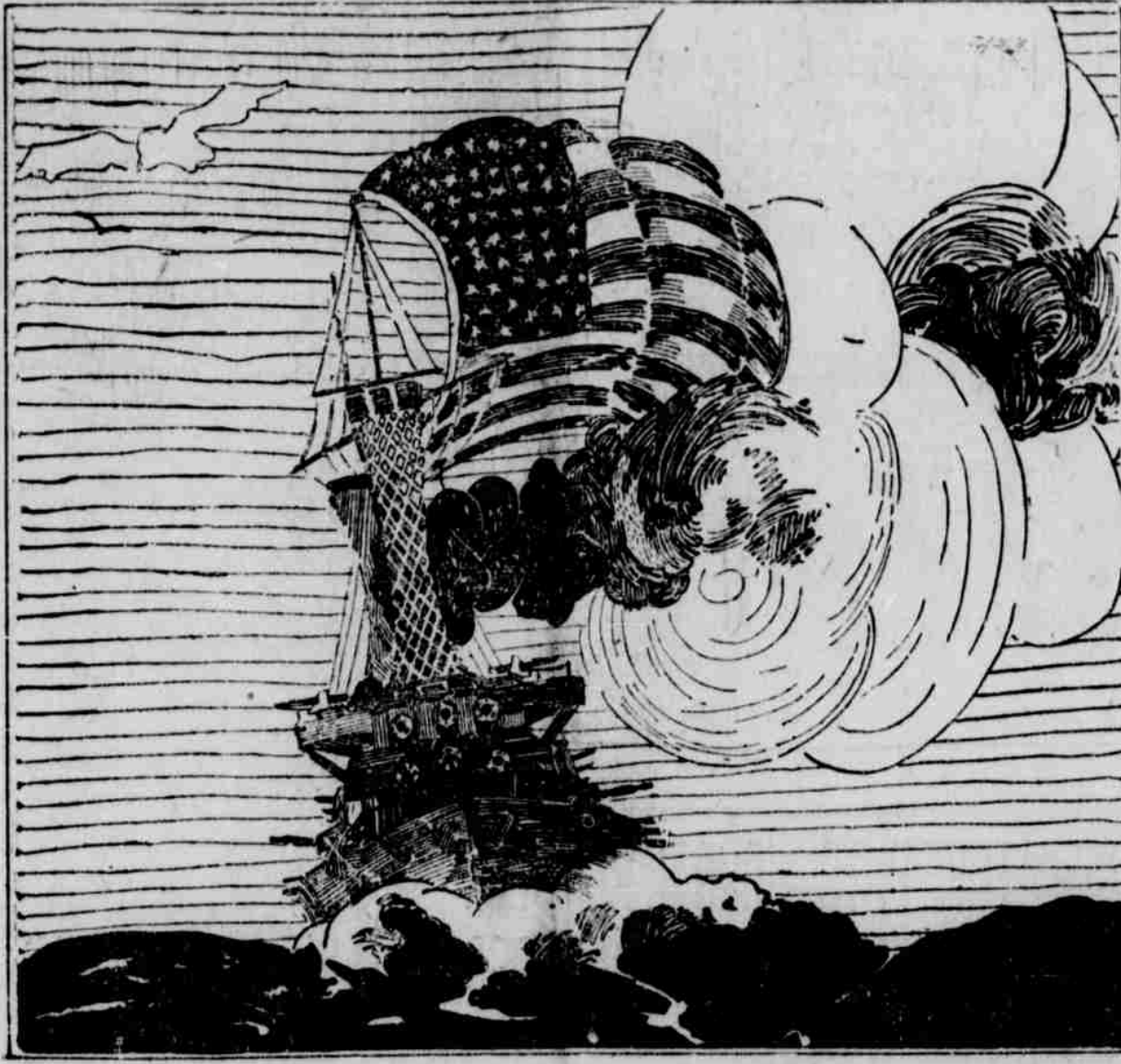
Presentation of diplomas—Henry  
Mayo, president of the Board of Edu-  
cation.

Selection—Orchestra.

The following is the list of grad-

Andrew Albert	Everett Johnson
Olive Anderson	Frederick Kastler
Helen Antram	Albert Lavell
Charlotte Antram	James Lawrence
Grace Allison	Russell Lee
Enola Beckman	George Leland
Wayne Bellrose	Edith Lenz
Ruth Bonhorst	John Link
Andrew Bower-	Carl Marten
master	Mae Marshall
Carl Brown	Maud McCollough
Myrtle Brown	Leo McElmott
Wilbur Brown	Bertha Met-
Martha Burrows	weller
Ula Cates	Arlene Mottaz
Mildred Campbell	Everett Mitchell
Hava Carter	Edna Newton
Everette Colwell	Angeline Osman
Elizabeth Colwell	Wilhelmina Ovel
Henry Dels	men
Louis Dixon	Marion Palmer
Edward Dinneen	Edith Palmer
Fern Douvia	Charlotte Pike
Marcus Edels	Ethel Profit
Dorothy Egan	Mabel Purciel
Harold Fitz-	Helen Rising
patrick	Ruth Russell
Margery Flick	Fred Rude
Nelson Fruland	Blanche Richard
Elmer Fuchs	Charlotte Ritzius
Paul Gamber	Charles Sapp
Louise Gaiser	Russell Schmid
Lyle Gilbertson	Nina Schrader
Katherine Goni-	Ruberta Schrader
gam	James Sessler
Rena Gottier	Ethel Sherman
Arthur Goepfel	Margaret Shep-
Lorena Greten-	pard
cord	Annette Singer
Susan Guibran-	Ethel Smallbone
sen	Kenneth Snarr
George Gutting	Nora Stone
Deisy Hammond	Sam Sundal
Marion Hanna	Elmer Thacker
Wilma Harris	Orin Thompson
Harold Heiden-	Wilbur Thomp-
rich	son
Susan Hetzel	Strawn Trumbo
Mildred Elne-	Louise Turner
baugh	Lloyd Vallat
Henry Hoenes	John Vonckx
Florence Humer	Mildred Waite
Arthur Jeffery	Earl Wendel
Melvin Jeggile	Joseph White
Karl Jenkinson	Junia Willis
Adeline Johnson	Evelyn Yost

### A FINAL NOTE TO GERMANY.



—Calkins in Detroit Free Press.

## THESE ALIENS ARE WILLING TO FIGHT FOR UNITED STATES

EXAMINER GETS SPEEDY RE-  
SPONSE IN AFFIRMATIVE TO  
QUESTION "WOULD YOU FIGHT  
FOR UNCLE SAM IF HE CALLED  
YOU?"

Foreigners who evinced a willing-  
ness to fight for Uncle Sam were ac-  
cepted without further examination  
when they appeared this morning be-  
fore Judge Eldredge to secure their  
naturalization papers. Examiner Wil-  
liam Blazer conducted the interroga-  
tions and the manner in which he  
hustled aliens into citizenship evinced  
his past mastery in the art of  
judging human nature while passing  
upon their qualifications for admission  
into the great American family.

An invariable rule practiced with the  
aliens netted the government some  
very excellent fighting material as  
the tests today disclosed. One young  
man in particular radiated pride with  
such intensity he was only asked two  
questions by Mr. Blazer.

He was Joseph Bartose, of La Salle,  
where the large foreign element has  
proven its loyalty by sending a couple  
of hundred of its flowers into the  
fighting forces of the nation under  
the volunteer plan. Bartose escaped  
about ninety-eight and nine-tenths  
of the ordinary questions hurled at ap-  
plicants for citizenship. His witnesses  
were clear and concise in their  
vouchings of his residence in the  
county and of his character.

"Mr. Bartose," shot the examiner  
"do you like the United States above  
all other countries?"

"Yes Sir" he replied without equiv-  
ocation.

"Do you like it well enough to fight  
for it?" Mr. Blazer again interrogated  
"and would you go to war if he cal-  
led on you?"

With even less equivocation the ap-  
plicant replied.  
"You bet I would."

"Accepted without objection, Mr.  
Blazer snapped back at him, while  
Bartose's face gleamed with pride that  
radiated to all quarters of the court  
room.

Others of eligible military age were  
given the same questions and whether  
they were Austria, Greek, Polish, Ger-  
man, Italian, Serbian, English, Irish  
or of any other European nationality,  
the same replies were made in the  
same manner, and so on thruout the  
entire day.

Mr. Blazer had a full calendar be-  
fore him and as Uncle Sam needs good  
material for his armies he hastened  
the work before him as speedily as  
possible. By adjournment time to-  
night at the rate he proceeded during  
the morning and early afternoon, he  
will have completed the whole list.

### American Ship Escapes.

Washington, June 16.—A consular  
report to the state department today  
told of an attack on the American  
schooner Rifter by a German submarine.  
The vessel was damaged by shell  
fire, but was not sunk. She was towed  
into an unnamd port.

## THREE WOMEN GIVEN MARITAL FREEDOM

TWO OTTAWA MRS. MILLERS  
GRANTED DIVORCES BY JUDGE  
ELDRIDGE IN CIRCUIT COURT—  
ONE'S SPOUSE A FELON.

Three women, each giving different  
reasons, were granted divorce decrees  
late yesterday by Judge Eldredge.  
The bills have been pending for some  
time and in view of the rush Monday  
and Tuesday, when more than forty  
complaints will be given hearings in  
the court of broken romances, attach-  
ees consider the June movement for  
marital freedom well on its way.

Mrs. Emma Miller, of Ottawa, today  
is freed from John Miller, whom she  
married February 18, 1914, and lived  
with until March 17, 1915. Mrs. Mil-  
ler says John became an habitual  
drunkard after their marriage and on  
March 17 disappeared after beating  
her cruelly and never returned to her.

Mrs. Esther Malloy, of Mendota, had  
only a few weeks honeymoon when  
Oscar H. up and deserted her, but not  
without first attacking and assaulting  
her. They were married March 17,  
1913, and on May 1, of that same year,  
about six weeks later, John seized  
being a bridegroom and resolved him-  
self into a hard taskmaster. He beat  
her, according to the story told by  
the complainant, and then went upon  
his way. They have since lived apart,  
and Mrs. Malloy was granted a de-  
gree.

Because her husband is a felon, and  
served a five years' term in the North  
Dakota penitentiary, Mrs. Ruth Miller,  
of Ottawa, was granted a legal sep-  
aration from Lee Miller. The defend-  
ant's felony is the only allegation  
made by Mrs. Miller in her bill. She  
charges him with having been convicted  
of manslaughter for which he was  
sent to prison to serve a five years'  
sentence. The Millers were married  
January 38, 1909, and Lee was taken  
to prison in 1911. The couple have  
two children, aged 7 and 4, at the  
time of filing the divorce bill.

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ty's taxes in 1915 will be changed, and  
for this reason it was decided to al-  
low the building committee to make  
additional room for clerks in the  
County Treasurer's office.

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mittee and the county attorney. This  
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tax levy for the institution. The mem-  
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the city. The road had never been

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## SOLONS DECIDE TO POSTPONE VENTURE IN PRINTING WORK

ACTION ON BUYING MULTIGRAPH  
MACHINE IS POSTPONED UNTIL  
THE SEPTEMBER SESSION OF  
THE BOARD—DID NOT CHANGE  
NAME OF DETENTION HOME.

La Salle county will not start in the  
printing business, for some time, at  
least, as the Board of Supervisors de-  
cided this morning to postpone the  
purchase of the multigraph machine  
until the September session.

It was decided to advance Supt.  
Morrissey of the county farm, \$250 for  
traveling expenses during the next  
quarter.

A petition was made that the town-  
ship commissioner of Earl be allowed  
to have a state aid road oilled, the  
county to pay one-half and the state  
the other. The petition was adopted.

Two abatements in taxes were  
made, one to Elizabeth Simpson of  
\$4.82 and to W. A. Graves for \$6.41.

The rules committee recommended  
that two changes be made in the rules,  
one in section fifty-six, paragraph 6,  
giving County Auditor Heiberg the  
right to prescribe the methods of  
bookkeeping to be used in the county  
offices, and to the right to examine  
the books and papers of any county  
office at any time.

The miscellaneous claims commit-  
tee and the judiciary committee re-  
commended that Judge Henry Mayo be  
paid \$330 for services rendered in pro-  
bate court during the illness of the  
late Judge Lardin. Lester Horan was  
also allowed an additional \$110 for  
his services.

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## LIBERTY LOAN OVERSUBSCRIBED \$862,000,000 IS LATEST REPORT

## GRAND JURY FINDS TRUE BILLS AGAINST 17; REPORTS TODAY

ONLY ONE OTTAWA MAN CAUGHT  
IN MESSES—LA SALLE AND  
STREATOR DIVIDE HONORS—  
EACH HAVE 4 INDICTMENTS  
PENDING FOR TRIAL.

Seventeen true bills out of a possi-  
ble thirty were reported by the June  
grand jury at the completion of a  
week's stiff work while members of  
that deliberative body were delving in-  
to La Salle county crimes. Only one  
indictment was found against Ottawa,  
James Teasant, whose arrest fol-  
lowed disclosures of his illicit relation-  
ship with Mrs. Ada Nixon, was in-  
dicted for adultery and held for trial  
under \$500 bonds. Mrs. Nixon claims  
two of her children owe their paternal  
parentage to Teasant.

Streator and La Salle divide honors  
with four indictments each. Mar-  
seilles, Mendota, Oglesby and Ottawa  
bring up the rear, with only a single  
bill against their inhabitants.

Fritz Gronko, Streator, malicious  
mischief. Young Gronko is accused  
of willfully destroying lettuce and to-  
matos belonging to William T. Pratt.  
His bond is fixed at \$300.

Gray Shelton, Marseilles, indict-  
ment for rape. Shelton is accused of  
attacking Kathleen Hale on April 20,  
1917. The girl is 13 years of age.  
Shelton's bond is fixed at \$1,300.

Andrew Votko and Edward Feeney,  
indictment for burglary and larceny.  
The pair reside in Streator, and are  
held to trial for entering the Sabo sa-  
loon and stealing twenty-four bottles  
of liquor and five boxes of cigars, to-  
gether with a box of silverware. Their  
bonds were fixed at \$800 each.  
Three bills were returned against  
both alleged felons.

Anton Klenek, of La Salle, is in-  
dicted for assault with a deadly wea-  
pon for an attack upon Michael J.  
Carey with a cuspidor. The alleged  
assault occurred May 21, 1917. The  
defendant is held under \$500 bonds.

Howard Clup, the La Salle man who  
twice attempted to shoot his wife,  
Violet Culp, June 1, is held for assault  
with intent to kill, under bonds of  
\$3,000.

Two true bills were found against  
William and Thomas Jennings, of Og-  
lesby, for burglary. They are charged  
with entering the home of Peter Len  
and stealing \$25 in cash. The second  
indictment is for the robbing  
James Prye of \$7. Both crimes were  
committed May 16. Bond are placed  
at \$800 each.

Henry Juergenson, of La Salle, is  
held for malicious mischief, under  
\$300 bonds, for destroying C. O. & P.  
wires on March 21. His bonds are  
\$300.

Vincent P. Daniels, also of La Salle,  
is indicted for embezzlement upon  
charges preferred by Frank Prichard,  
an insurance man, who claims that on  
April 5, while an agent of the Central  
Life Insurance Co., embezzled \$271.42.  
His bonds are \$500.

James Teasant, of Ottawa, is in-  
dicted for adultery, for his illicit rela-  
tions with Ada Nixon, a married wom-  
an, who claims two of her children  
are of his parentage. Teasant's  
bonds are \$500.

Harold Hoffman, of Mendota, is in-  
dicted for wife and child abandonment  
upon Mrs. Lucille Hoffman's com-  
plaint. The wife alleges the defend-  
ant deserted her and their two chil-  
dren on May 1. His bonds are \$700.

Frank White, of Streator, is held to  
trial for burglary. It is alleged by  
John Hatzler that on June 6 White  
stole a copper boiler of the value of  
\$6. He is held under \$200 bonds.

Fritz Meuch and George Devine, of  
La Salle, are indicted for larceny, in-  
being charged by the N. I. L. & T. Co.  
that they stole \$28.50 worth of copper  
wire on June 8. Bonds are fixed at  
\$500 each.

### GEORGE NAGLE FUNERAL

HELD THIS MORNING.

The funeral service for George Na-  
gle were held this morning at 9 o'-  
clock at St. Francis church. Rev. Cas-  
imir Miller paid a fitting tribute to the  
life of the deceased and the church  
was filled with sorrowing friends.

The pall-bearers were: John James  
and Thomas Fenton. John Nagle,  
Joseph Kuhn and John Kuhn. Burial  
was made in St. Columba cemetery.

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## WASHINGTON IS TIRED BUT EXCEEDINGLY HAPPY COUNTING RETURNS

M'ADOO TELEGRAPHS BANKS HIS  
THANKS—ASKS THEM TO KEEP  
ORGANIZATION IN RUNNING OR-  
DER FOR NEXT BIG LOAN.

By JOHN EDWIN NEVIN,  
(International News Service Staff  
Correspondent.)

Washington, June 16.—Tired and  
happy, but still counting the returns.  
That was the situation when the  
treasury reopened today. The last  
rates rally in Liberty Bonds selling  
had overwhelmed all officialdom. The  
millions that had poured in had disar-  
ranged the schedule of last minute  
work. As a result officials said there  
would be some delay in announcing  
the exact totals.

Treasury officials said that they did  
not believe that the oversubscriptions  
were as high as unofficial returns in-  
dicated. They explained that there  
always was the danger that local com-  
mittees, flushed with success, might  
be over optimistic. There was little  
doubt that the oversubscriptions was  
in excess of half a billion dollars. The  
unofficial tabulations available here  
showed on the face of the returns  
about \$2,862,000,000 as the total. But  
only a few of the returns from the  
federal reserve bank districts was of-  
ficial.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo,  
who incidentally more than any other  
man, was responsible for the success  
of the popular loan, has been asked  
of the district banks to report at once  
by telegraph. As soon as these totals  
are received they will be made public.

It seems likely, according to the in-  
formation available that the Atlanta,  
Kansas City and Minneapolis reserve  
districts fell below the total. The others  
did well, all showing a pleasing  
increase over the total allotted by the  
treasury.

In telegraphing his personal thanks  
to the banks and patriotic citizens  
who assisted in making the loan a suc-  
cess, Secretary McAdoo today called  
on them to continue their organiza-  
tions and perfect them so that they  
can be utilized in the flotation of the  
next loan.

"It is of the utmost importance that  
the splendid machinery now perfected  
shall be available when needed," Sec-  
retary McAdoo said in this connection.

In making the allotments of Liberty  
Bonds treasury officials definitely  
have determined to follow the policy  
of giving to applicants for small de-  
nomination securities the full extent  
of their subscriptions. The heavy in-  
vestors will be scaled down an equit-  
able apportionment being made among  
them. Present plans are to give all  
applicants for up to \$1,000 worth of  
the bonds the full amount asked.

This policy was determined upon  
especially with the view of placing  
this loan as far as possible in the  
hands of the general public.

One error in the flotation of the  
Liberty Loans first issued which will  
be corrected in subsequent issues was  
failure of the government to have the  
physical bonds ready to deliver upon  
purchase for those who desired to re-  
ceive the securities. Experience has  
taught that many Americans, espe-  
cially naturalized Americans, being  
unaccustomed in fiscal customs, did not  
understand the method of making ad-  
vance applications and installment  
payments. The treasury has reports  
showing that many persons offered to  
buy bonds, but when told the deliv-  
ery of the securities would be delayed  
until July 1, reconsidered the purchase  
and withdrew.

The gratification of the Washing-  
ton government over the success of  
the first issue of the Liberty Loan  
when initial war loans issues, or so  
many of our allies have been under-  
subscribed, is extreme. The treasury  
plans to compile and issue a roll of  
honor of the cities which did most of  
the service in absorbing the loan. This  
list will give the extent of subscrip-  
tions of various cities in proportion  
to their population and the extent to  
which the whole population partici-  
pated.

While figures on the total number  
of subscribers still are far from com-  
plete it appears from early returns  
that the popular response has been  
greater than any other country under  
similar circumstances. During the last  
few days of the flotation hard work  
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